

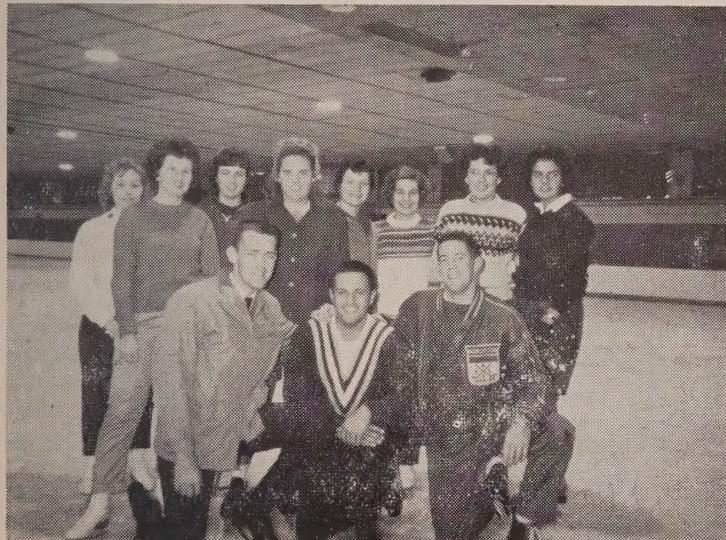
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WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE

SPORTS EXTRA

LANCERS DRILL FOR UPCOMING SEASON



TAKING PART IN W.A.A. SKATING PROGRAM

W.A.A. Program A Success

Although the Woman's Athletic Association has completed its skating program held Tuesday afternoons at the Worcester Skating Arena, their bowling program will continue for a few more weeks.

The coed ice skating program is reported to have been most successful. A total of 28 girls and 9 boys took advantage of this fine social and recreational opportunity.

After the completion of the bowling matches, the W.A.A. will terminate activities until after the Christmas vacation, giving their members a chance to partake of seasonal activities and events. A proposal is pending in this organization of forming a ski club of some sort, but nothing is definite as of yet. If you are interested in this healthful winter sport contact an officer in the W.A.A.

LANCERS HOOP SCHEDULE

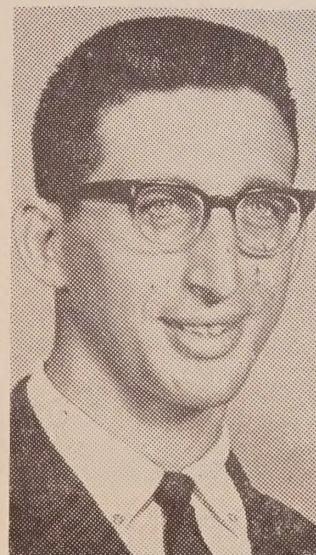
Dec. 1	Rhode Island College
4	Westfield State College
6	Assumption, away
8	Boston State College, away
11	Keene (N. H.) Teachers, away
14	Salen State College
20-21	Central Connecticut Tournament
Jan. 5	Keene Teachers
9	Fitchburg State College
13	Plymouth (N. H.) Teachers, away
15	Nichols College
17	Rhode Island College, away
30	Lowell State College, away
Feb. 1	Willimantic
6	Fitchburg State College, away
8	Salem State College, away
12	Lowell State College
15	Boston State College
19	Westfield State College, away
21	Nichols College, away

OPENER HERE ON DEC. 1st.

by JIM ROBINSON

Acorn Sports Writer

New faces will dominate the basketball scene here at Worcester State College this season. Only four members of last season's highly successful team which sported a 17-5 record and advanced to the finals of the New England Teachers College Conference Championship will be returning for another hoop season under Coach Francis Dyson.


COACH FRANCIS DYSON
Begins Third Season

CAPT. BOB CONSTANZO
Leads Returnees

The four returnees, led by Captain-elect Bob Constanzo, include Jack Clifford, Steve Kokernak and Bob Kulesza. This group and ten additional squad members selected by Coach Dyson have been working out daily at the college gym in preparation for the season's opener against Rhode Island College at the local gymnasium on December 1. An attempt is being made to actually open the season earlier with the Lancers playing a game against former Lancer stars.

Coach Dyson, a Holy Cross College grad and member of that college's fine basketball teams of the early fifties, will be embarking on his third season at the Lancer helm. Highly successful with his first two teams (each went to the finals of the conference title round before bowing), he states, "We'll have our work cut out for us this year. We lost three fine ballplayers through graduation in Tom Murphy, Bert Bolduc, and Paul Welcome."

Captain Constanzo and Clifford will both be playing their fourth season here at State. Junior sharpshooter Steve Kokernak, the team's leading scorer last season, will be back for his third year as a backcourt starter. Burly soph starter Bob Kulesza will be returning also, but his fellow starter as a frosh, Dick Lamothe, will be sidelined this year because of an injury. In addition, senior Dick Denechaud, Coach Dyson's sixth man, will also be forced to sit out this season.

Stepping up to varsity ranks this season from last year's J.V.

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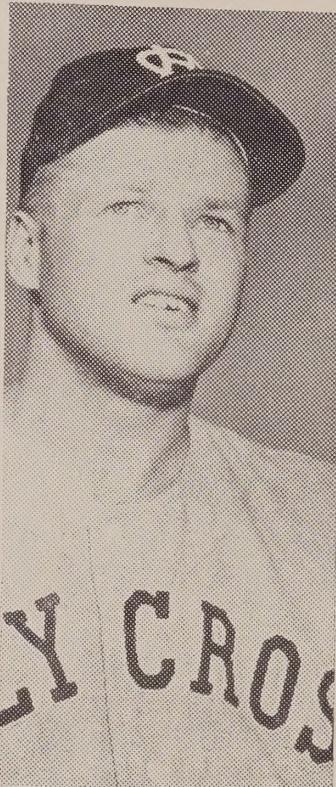
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Unsung Hero

COACH DYSON BEGINS THIRD SEASON AT HELM



COACH DYSON

Pictured With 1952 N.C.A.A.
Champs

by RON SCHOFIELD
of the Acorn Staff

The last two basketball seasons at WSC have seen our very own Lancers advancing to the final round of the tournament for the conference title. As a result of these performances the ball-players have been praised by the student body, but the man who is most responsible for the fine showings is literally forgotten. This man is coach Francis T. Dyson.

Mr. Dyson came to WSC in March, 1959, having been appointed a teacher of physical education and basketball coach. To do this he gave up his position as basketball and baseball coach

at Falconer (N. Y.) High School. He had held this position for nearly three years. The thing that prompted him to leave Falconer most was that he would be back in his hometown once again.

A South High graduate of 1947, Mr. Dyson gained All City All Stars honors in baseball as a first baseman and in basketball. He prepped at Worcester Academy and upon graduating from the Union Hill school, where he excelled in sports, he enrolled at Holy Cross in 1949.

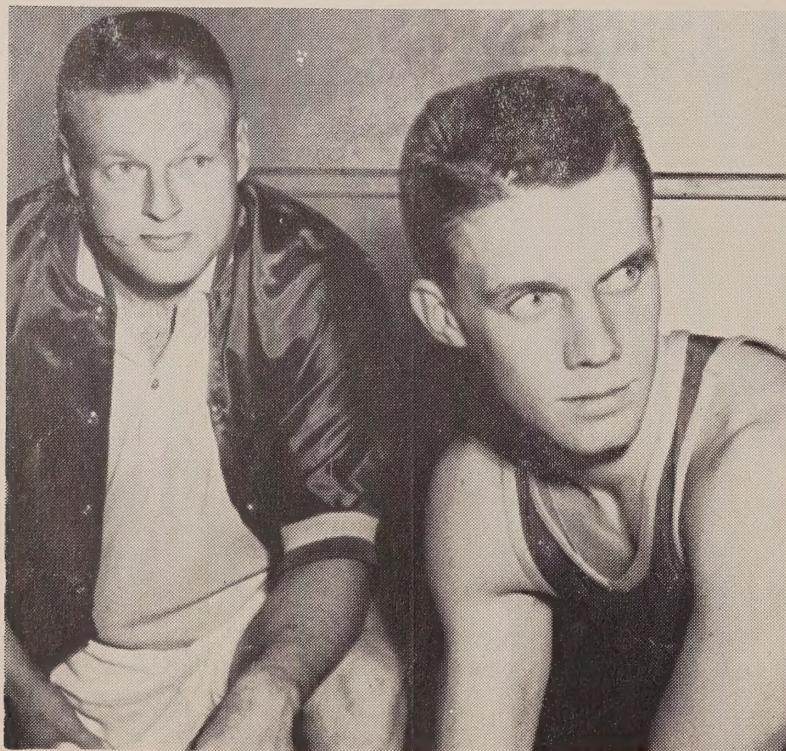
At Holy Cross he played varsity baseball and basketball for three years. He was a first baseman on the 1952 Crusader nine which won the N.C.A.A. championship at Omaha, Nebraska. He was graduated from Holy Cross with a B.S. degree in education.

In 1953, following acceptance of his diploma, Mr. Dyson entered the U. S. Army and served with the "Indianhead" division which captured Heartbreak Ridge and Old Baldy in the Korean conflict. While in the service, Mr. Dyson was a member of the 7th Infantry Division basketball team which ran up a string of eighteen straight in winning the service hoop title.

Upon his discharge, Mr. Dyson entered Boston University where he received his M.A. in Physical Education in June of 1956. He was appointed baseball and basketball coach at Falconer the same year.

Mr. Dyson is married to the former Ruth Ellen Hamley of Worcester and they reside at their home in Spencer.

Yes, the last two seasons at WSC have seen our very own Lancers advancing to the final round for the conference title and this year may not be an exception. We may have different players than in these years gone by, but we still have the same fine coach: Francis T. Dyson.



Coach Dyson (L.) and Soph. back-court operator Bob Kulesza view the action from the sidelines. Kulesza will be one of the starters when the Lancers take the floor Dec. 1st. against R.I.C.E.

ACORN MEETS TODAY

Room 26

11:00 A.M.

WSC Harriers Making Fine Showing In First Season

by **JIM ALLEN**
of the Acorn Staff

Worcester State College's Cross-Country Team took its first victory of the season November 2 as they reversed an earlier defeat to Nichols College, 26-29. The win thus gave our harriers a 1-3 won-lost slate on the season. Earlier they had lost to Nichols 29-26, Worcester Tech 47-18 and Assumption, by a similar score.

This is the first such team in the history of the college that has been supported by the school. They do not receive any financial support, however. Ground work for the team was enacted by 1961 grad Gordon "Hap" Hargrove, WSC athletic director and

harrier coach, John Mockler, said this year's captain, soph. Ed Fontaine, is an excellent runner. In fact, Ed placed second in his first meet, third in the next two, and first in the last meet against Nichols.

Almost the entire unit is comprised of freshmen and sophomores. Frosh include: Dermot Shea, Tom Bostock, Joe Montimurro, Wally Moroski and Pat Kelly. Sophomores are Captain Fontaine and Tom Early. Mike Mulcahy, a junior, is the only upperclassman on the squad.

Coach Mockler has high hopes for the team next year because of the number of returnees. (entire squad) He said, "Interest in the team should develop and make it a permanent fixture here."

Thus another page in WSC sports has been opened.



**Don't Forget
Dec. 1st
LANCERS
vs.
R.I.C.E.**

Jayvee Hoop Program Continues For Underclassmen

by **JIM ROBINSON**
Acorn Sports Writer

Twelve underclassmen have been selected by Coach Dyson to be members of the school's J.V. basketball squad this season. The J.V. team, revived last season after a lapse of several years, will again be coached by Ed Gallagher, Senior Class president and former member of the varsity hoop squad here at the college.

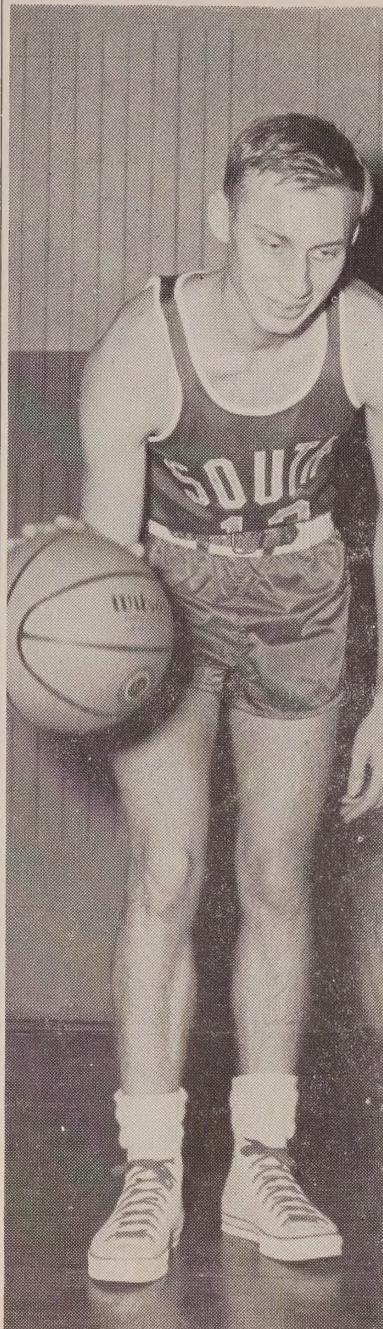
Last season's array in posting a fine 13-6 mark served as an invaluable proving ground. Three of last season's JV starters (Chuck Foley, Tom Collins and George Melican) were promoted to the Lancer varsity this season. The extensive playing time that they accrued last year will enable them to be more effective this year as varsity performers than

if they had sat on the varsity bench last season.

Among the holdovers back for another season under Coach Gallagher's tutelage are Fran Bositis, Len Angers, Joe Davenport and Jimmy Powers.

The majority of the team's games will be played as preliminaries to the main varsity contests here at the college. However, efforts are being made to book several outside games for the J.V. squad.

Following is a list of the squad members: Fran Bositis, Jim Powers, Joe Davenport, Len Angers, Joe Montimurro, John Diggins, Al Kalpajian, Bob Conte, Bob Nicoletti, Pete McKeon, Gerry Patraitis, Charles Dix.



WALLY MOROSKI
Talented Newcomer

Intramural Football Moves Into High Gear At W.S.C.

The clatter of bones echoed across State College at Worcester the past several weeks as the intramural football tourney moved into high gear. Surviving the opening round were frosh sections 1, 6, 7, and 10; sophomore sections 5 thru 8; junior secondaries 1 and 2 and senior elementary sections 1 and 2. Action will cease with the up-coming championship game.

Lancers Drill

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squad will be Tom Collins, Chuck Foley, and George Melican. In addition new squad members include George Albro and Wally Moroski, top area high school performers at Leicester High and Worcester's South High respectively last season.

The height problem which has plagued Lancer teams in the past is still present. Clifford and Constanzo represent the only real height on the ball club and they are a "towering" 6'2" each. With this lack of height in mind, Coach Dyson has been emphasizing conditioning and speed in the early season drills, hoping that overall team speed will compensate somewhat for the height problem. As Coach Dyson puts it, "We're not going to turn into a pell-mell, wild passing and shooting ball club, but when we do see the chance to fast break, we're going to take it." The deliberate-type set offense which is a trademark of a Dyson-coached team will be retained however.

Highlights of the team's schedule will be the annual tussle with cross town rival and small-college power, Assumption College. In addition the home-and-home series started last season with Nichols College of Dudley will be continued. Perhaps the high point of the season will be the locals' appearance in the Central Connecticut Invitational Tournament during Christmas holidays.

Following is a list of the squad members: Captain Bob Constanzo, Jack Clifford, Steve Kukernak, Bob Kulesza, Tom Collins, Chuck Foley, George Melican, George Albro, Ed Bielik, Sherman Millet, Wally Moroski, Charles O'Connor, Denny Powers, and Mike Staiti.



JACK CLIFFORD
Four-Year Man

